



# Our Ladys Grove Information Meeting for New Parents 2020 - 2021

Your Child, Our Child:  
The Wellbeing and Education  
of every child

Hosted on Zoom by:

Principal: **Anne Kernan**

Deputy Principal & Special Education Co-Ordinator: **Elaine Molyneaux**

2019/20 Class teachers: **Anne Hutchinson and Sarah Clerkin**

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WELCOME

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# Your Hosts

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# The Agenda

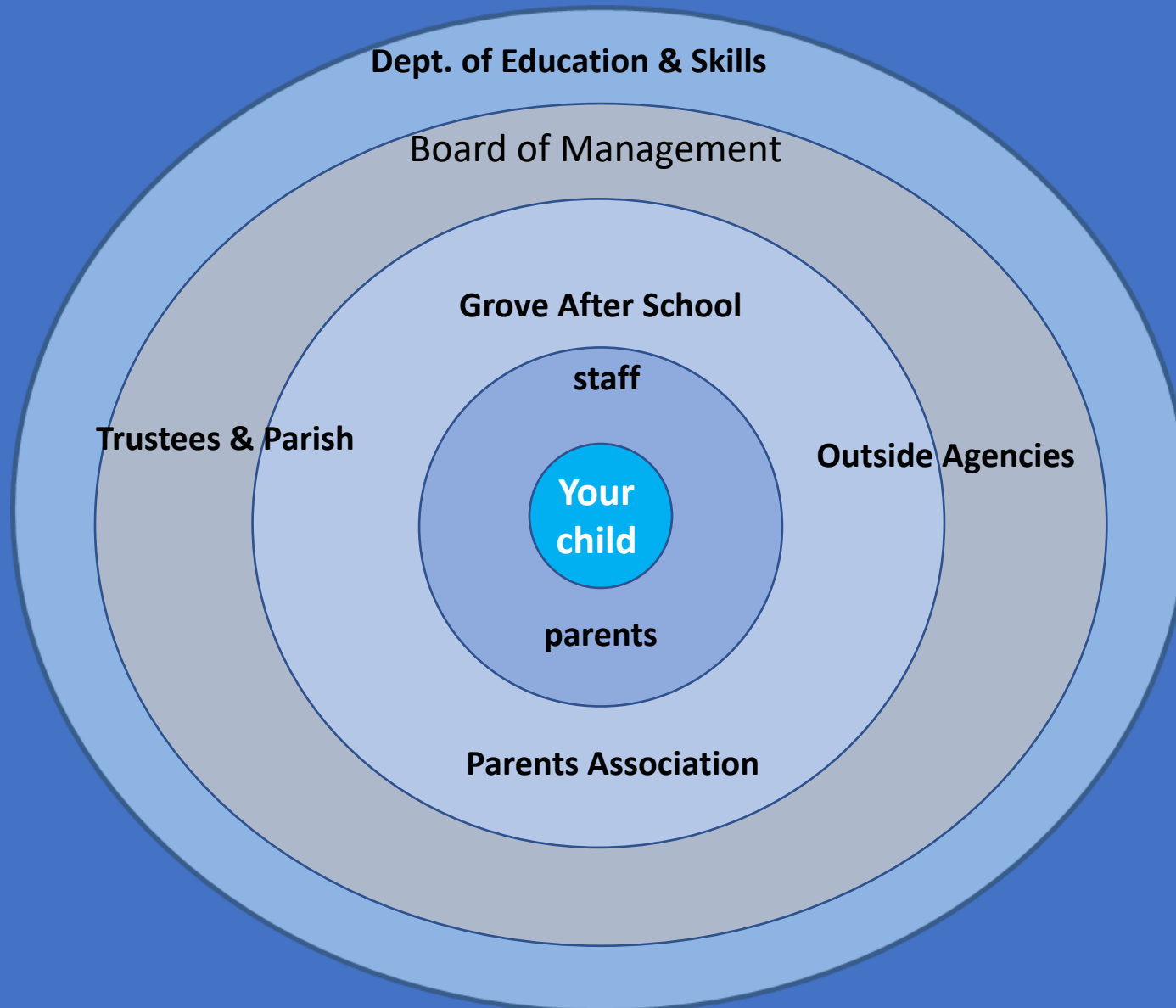
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# OUR SCHOOL ETHOS

- A happy, loving, caring and nurturing environment
- A cooperative and collaborative environment
- A culture of tolerance and appreciation for all



# Your Child, Our support



# OUR GOAL



Ensure excellent learning outcomes for every child



Foster a culture of respect, tolerance and appreciation of others



Promote wellbeing for all



Maintain close links between home and school

# The Curriculum

## Develop Gross Motor Skills

- Play ball games and skipping
- Practise zipping/hanging up a coat
- Practise using the bathroom/washing hands changing out of wet clothes/cleaning up



# The Curriculum

## Develop Fine Motor Skills

- Playdoh / Marla / sand / cutting with scissors
- Draw letters in sand/rice
- Start letters from the top
- Model writing the child's name with capital letter to start and then lower-case letters

# The Curriculum

## Oral Language

- Listen to how your child uses language
- Encourage full sentences
- Expand your child's vocabulary
- Engaging in daily conversation with your child
- Recite nursery rhyme

# The Curriculum

## Develop Pre-Reading Skills

- Read to your child every day
- Talk about the story and the pictures
- Ask your child to retell the story
- Recite nursery rhymes
- English as an Additional Language (EAL)

# The Curriculum

## Social, Personal and Health Education SPHE

- Stay Safe is taught as part of the SPHE Curriculum in all Primary schools
- Parents will be informed when our school begins to teach Stay Safe in Term 1

# Special Education Team (SET)

- A happy school for all children
- Trust between School and Parents
- School and Parents work together
- 7 SET Teachers + 1 Shared with local school
- 8 Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) currently in school
- Support for all children

**ACADEMIC  
COMPETENCE**

**SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL &  
BEHAVIOURAL  
COMPETENCE**



**Individualised &  
Specialist Support**

**School  
Support Plus  
(for a Few)**

**Response to Groups  
and Individuals**

**School Support  
(for Some)**

**Preventative  
& Proactive  
Approaches**

**Whole-School & Classroom Support  
(for All)**

# Special Education Team (SET)

- Early Intervention – Literacy, Numeracy, Social Skills, Emotional Development
- Home and School Partnership
- Role of Communication

# Parent / Teacher Communication

- Child and Parents will be scheduled to visit (10 minutes) to meet their Junior Infant Teacher and see their classroom on Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Contact the Class Teacher by sending in a written note with your child
- To arrange a phone call with Class Teacher send an email to [admin@olgps.ie](mailto:admin@olgps.ie) *Class Teacher and Room number in the subject box*
- A meeting to describe the curriculum and class routines will be held early in the Term 1
- Formal Parent/Teacher meetings take place during the last week of November



# Healthy Eating Policy

- Full **HE** policy is on our school website
- Lunch ideas include peeled segmented oranges, sliced apples, small sandwiches, banana, carrot sticks, cheese and raisins. **NO NUTS**
- Children do not swap lunches and bring home leftovers / packaging
- No Treats in school. No treats in schoolbag.

# Drinks

- Only drinks allowed are water and milk
- Milk is available through the school pay by EPP
- Children bring water in a sturdy bottle that can open easily and does not leak in schoolbag.

# Allergies

**NOT ALLOWED**

- Nuts of any kind
- Nut butter
- Nutella
- Egg

# Head Lice

## ACT TOGETHER

- Long hair must be tied back in school
- Check hair at least three times a week and on the weekend
- If you find eggs/headlice, please inform the school immediately
- The 'Headlice' letter will be sent to parents in that class, it must be acted upon by all families that night

# Safety on School Campus

**NOT ALLOWED**

- Scooting
- Cycling
- Playing on the yard before school or directly after school
- Climbing the railings
- Bringing dogs to school
- Parking illegally
- **PARKING is permitted in 'Set-Down' parking zone only.**
- **Walking/cycling to school is always encouraged**

# Playdates

## Going on a playdate

- Send a written consent note into Class Teacher on the previous day or on the day of the playdate
- Children will not be allowed go with another adult without parental consent
- No last minute/unplanned playdates. Do not send an email to office
- In an Emergency situation always call the Office

# Birthdays

- Birthday invites are NOT distributed in school
- Parents may send invites via the Class WhatsApp Group (set up in September through the PA)
- Children do not bring in birthday treats for the class

# Clothing, Footwear, Schoolbags and Toys

- School tracksuit may be worn, otherwise comfortable clothes that are easy for child to open/close
- Comfortable footwear: Velcro fastenings. No sandals or Crocs
- Schoolbags should only contain lunch box, drink and change of clothes, no stationery necessary
- Do not send toys to school



# Outside Agencies

HSE

- Immunisation
- Dental (off-site)
- Hearing and Sight

Parental Consent is sought in advance

# Outside Agencies

## TUSLA

- We promote excellent attendance and punctuality.

Children who are sick should stay at home

- At the end of each term, Parents are informed by email if your child has been absent for 10 days, 15 days and/or 20 days
- The Principal is mandated to report to TUSLA all absences of 20 days or more

# Home and School Links

## Our school website

- School Calendar
- School Policies
- Ongoing events
- Newsletters
- Upcoming Events
- Junior Infant Folder

# Electronic Payment & Booklist

- The school uses the Easy Payments Plus system (EPP) for all payments including Milk and Class Fees
- New Junior Infant Parents will be added to the EPP system during the last week of August
- Junior Infant books and stationery are ordered on your behalf
- Classroom Fees must be paid by 30 September via EPP

# BEFORE COVID-19



## When your child is sick

- If your child is feeling unwell the night before or in the morning, its advisable to keep him/her at home
- If we feel that your child is unwell, we will contact you and you must be available to collect your child
- Upon returning to school after an illness ,a written **Absence Note** is given to Class Teacher. This is kept on file. Be sure to include the dates and keep a copy for your own record
- We encourage families to avail of the 24/7 Pupil Accident Insurance. This product will be available on EPP.



Ar Scáth a chéile a mhaireann na páistí